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SUBJECT: BK/O ON NPD MADE PUBLIC

1. SENAT SPOKESMAN INFORMED PRESS SEPTEMBER 9 THAT ALLIES HAD ISSUED BK/O AUGUST 30 BANNING PARTICIPATION OF NPD IN MARCH 1975 BERLIN ELECTIONS AND PUBLIC ACTIVITIES OF PARTY DURING ELECTION PERIOD. SPOKESMAN STATED THAT ORDER HAD BEEN ISSUED FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH SENAT, AND THAT FRG WOULD "TAKE NOTE" OF IT. STORY RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE IN LOCAL PRESS SEPTEMBER 10, TOGETHER WITH REACTIONS OF DEPUTY BERLIN CDU CHAIRMAN SCHMITZ, WHO DEMANDED THAT SENAT BAN ACTIVITIES OF "LEFT RADICALS" WITH SAME ENERGY AS IT HAD THOSE OF NPD, AND FDP FRAKTION LEADER OXFORT, WHO SAID IT WOULD BE BETTER TO GIVE BERLIN ELECTORATE OPPORTUNITY TO REJECT NPD THROUGH THEIR VOTES.

2. BRIEF COMMENTARY IN TAGESSPIEGEL, EXPRESSING REGRET THAT EXTREMIST PARTIES SHOULD BE CURBED BY BAN RATHER THAN THROUGH FREE WILL OF ELECTORATE, NOTED THAT BAN WAS

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APPARENTLY RESULT OF UNPUBLICIZED ASSURANCES GIVEN SOVIETS

IN COURSE OF QA NEGOTIATIONS. (IN THIS CONNECTION, MARCH 1974 LETTER FROM CDU FRAKTION LEADER LUMMER TO NPD SPOKES-WOMAN, PRESENTED AS EXHIBIT IN RECENT NPD SUIT AGAINST SENAT, SPEAKS OF IT BEING "SUFFICIENTLY WELL-KNOWN" THAT "SPECIAL SOVIET WISHES" HAD INFLUENCED ALLIED POSITION). DER ABEND STORY SAID THAT FRENCH FULLY SUPPORTED ALLIED ACTION AGAINST NPD, WHILE US AND UK HAD STRONG RESERVATIONS. ABEND CITED REPORTED STATEMENT OF UK AMBASSADOR HENDERSON, DURING MOST RECENT VISIT TO BERLIN, TO EFFECT THAT LONDON WOULD PREFER NPD TO BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS, SO THAT WHOLE WORLD COULD THEN SEE THAT RIGHT RADICALS HAD NO CHANCE IN BERLIN.SELIGMANN

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